

# State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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801-359-3940 (Fax) 801-538-7223 (TDD) Partial: Complete: X Exploration: Inspection Date & Time: September 29, 1999, 1:00 to 3:30 PM

Date of Last Inspection: August 17, 1999

Mine Name: Wellington Preparation Plant County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/012 3/2

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Nevada Electric Investment Company (NEICO)

Business Address: c/o Mt. Nebo Scientific, Box 337, Springville, UT

Type of Mining Activity: Underground\_ Surface\_ Prep. Plant X Other\_

State Officials(s): Paul Baker

Company Official(s): Patrick Collins representing NEICO and Vicky Miller representing Covol

Federal Official(s): None

Weather Conditions: Clear, 60's

Existing Acreage: Permitted-1700 Disturbed-392 Regraded-1.5 Seeded-1.5 Bonded-744

Increased/Decreased: Permitted-<u>0</u> Disturbed-<u>0</u> Regraded-<u>0</u> Seeded-<u>0</u> Bonded-<u>0</u> Status: \_Exploration/\_X\_Active/\_Inactive/\_Temporary Cessation/\_Bond Forfeiture Reclamation ( Phase I/ Phase II/ Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

## REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

#### <u>Instructions</u>

- . Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - a. For <u>complete inspections</u> provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
  - b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

		<u>EVALUATED</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>NOV/ENF</u>
1.	PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	[X]	П	[X]	Ш
2.	SIGNS AND MARKERS	$\overline{[X]}$	$\Box$	П	П
3.	TOPSOIL	<u>[X]</u>	Ц	$\Box$	$\Box$
4.	HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a.	DIVERSIONS	[X]	$\Box$	[X]	$\Box$
b.	SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	[X]	Ц	$\Box$	П
c.	OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	[X]	- ∐		П
d.	WATER MONITORING	[X]	Ш	$\Box$	$\Box$
e.	EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	[X]	Ц		$\Box$
5.	EXPLOSIVES	$\Box$	[X]	$\Box$	
6.	DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	$\Box$	[X]	П	П
7.	COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	[X]	П	$\Box$	$\coprod$
8.	NONCOAL WASTE	[X]	П	$\overline{\square}$	$\Box$
9.	PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND				
	RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	[X]	Ц	$\prod$	$\Box$
10.	SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	$\Box$	[X]	$\Box$	П
11.	CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<u>[X]</u>	П	[X]	$\Box$
12.	BACKFILLING AND GRADING	$\Box$	<u>[X]</u>		$\Box$
13.	REVEGETATION	[X]	$\Box$	$\Box$	$\Box$
14.	SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	$\Box$	[X]	П	$\Box$
15.	CESSATION OF OPERATIONS		[X]	$\overline{\square}$	$\Box$
16.	ROADS:				
	CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	[X]	$\Box$	$\Pi$	$\Box$
b.	DRAINAGE CONTROLS	[X]	$\Box$	∐ -	$\Box$
17.	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	[X]	П	П	$\Box$
18.	SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	[X]	$\Box$	П	П
19.	AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_(date)	. []	$\overline{\Box}$	П	Ц
20.	AIR QUALITY PERMIT	[X]	$\Box$	П	Ü
21.	BONDING & INSURANCE	<u>[X]</u>	П	П	$\Box$

### INSPECTION REPORT

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/004 DATE OF INSPECTION: September 29, 1999

## (Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

## 1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

On September 21, 1999, the Division returned the permit transfer application it received from WCP Development in March 1999. A deficiency letter was sent April 27, 1999, and the \$3 million bond was returned June 21, 1999. The Division returned the transfer application because it had received no recent correspondence to correct the problems in the bond or the transfer application

Amendment 99C is intended to delete a portion of the permit area that has never been disturbed by mining. The Division received the original amendment July 1, 1999, and revised versions on July 19 and September 13, 1999. On September 20, 1999, the Division requested additional information about the permit and disturbed area acreages and the legal description of the area. This information is due back on October 11, 1999.

Amendment 99B was submitted primarily to satisfy the requirements of violation N98-41-5-1, and the violation was terminated July 9, 1999. However, the amendment contained a deficiency relating to coal and/or coal refuse that still needed to be addressed. In a letter dated August 5, 1999, the Division asked for a response by August 24, 1999. According to Mr. Collins, he received the August 5 letter on August 20 and responded August 23 with a request for additional time to respond. The Division did not have a copy of the August 23 letter in the files, so an extension was never given. I received a fax copy of this letter October 4, 1999, and the Division intends to extend the deadline until about November 1, 1999.

On August 10, 1999, the Division received information for the permit renewal, and on September 20, 1999, the Division responded with a letter indicating certain parts of the renewal application were not complete. When these problems are rectified, NEICO can begin advertising the permit renewal.

# 4. Hydrologic Balance

#### a. Diversions

The ditch on the south side of the slurry pipeline road is piping again. This is a common maintenance problem, but the silt fence below this area would have treated any runoff.

The outlet of the process water overflow pipe was nearly plugged, but this culvert is for process water and not runoff control. It should still be cleaned, though.

#### 11. Contemporaneous Reclamation

The slurry pipeline and associated road have not been used in several years, and the pipeline has been taken down. I see no reason the permittee should not finish reclamation in this area.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: James Fulton (OSM), Patrick Collins (NEICO/Mt. Nebo Scientific)

Given to: Panela Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: Paul B. Baker #41 Date: October 5, 1999